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PANAMA—A FIVE-PART EXHIBITION IS ON VIEW THROUGH END OF YEAR

On August 15, 1914, the first ship passed through the Panama Canal. The completion of the canal that year marked the end of a 400-year quest for a water passage in the Americas to link the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The treaty agreed upon by Panama and the United States in 1977, and recently ratified, introduces a new era in the history of the canal. In recognition of these events, the Geography and Map, Hispanic, Hispanic Law, Manuscript, and Serial Divisions have mounted a series of exhibits on various themes related to the canal.

"In Search of a Canal Route" is a selection of maps illustrating various schemes to build an interoceanic ship canal across Central America to link the Atlantic and Pacific, including maps showing the early proposals to build ship canals in Nicaragua and Mexico, as well as the successful American venture across the Isthmus of Panama. It is on view at the Geography and Map Division, 845 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, Va.

"The Isthmian Passage—19th Century Central American Canal Proposals" includes pertinent writings, prints, photographs, maps, and newspapers from the Library's collections illustrating plans for canals following four major routes—Panama, Darien, Nicaragua, and Tehuantepec—and the general discussion concerning canal construction that ensued. The exhibit, which places the search for eventual construction of an isthmian passage in historical perspective, is located in the Hispanic Reading Room, Second Floor, Library of Congress Building.

In the Law Library foyer (also on the Second Floor), "Panama Canal: Success and Controversy" contains legal documents, literary sources, and illustrations about the legal context of the building and operation of the canal. The treaty of 1903 is on display. Additional documents illustrate the controversy among the sovereign powers concerned with the canal, the final stages of the Carter-Torrijos negotiations, and ensuing public and Congressional debates.

" 'A Big Ditch': Manuscripts Relating to the Construction of the Panama Canal" includes a letter from John F. Stevens, chief engineer for the canal, written to President Theodore Roosevelt on January 30, 1907, in which he said, "To me the canal is only a big ditch. . . . Possibly I lack imagination." Roosevelt evidently agreed, for Stevens was shortly relieved of his post. Other correspondence on display is from Secretary of State John Hay, Philippe Bunau-Varilla, George W. Goethals, and William C. Gorgas. Also on view is an 1870 journal describing an exploratory expedition to the Isthmus. The exhibit is on view in the Manuscript Reading Room on the Third Floor, Thomas Jefferson Building.

In the West Lobby (First Floor, Thomas Jefferson Building), the Serial Division has mounted "The Development of the Panama Canal," a display of newspapers and magazine articles and illustrations showing the construction and opening of the Panama

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Canal. A series of original prints done by Joseph Pennell for *The New York Times* is a feature of the exhibit.

All five exhibitions will remain on view through January 2, 1979.

LIBRARY STAFFER PARTICIPATES IN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Last year, for the first time, the Library of Congress nominated a staff member to attend the Civil Service Commission-sponsored Education for Public Management Program. The participant, Tyrone J. Mason, assistant recruitment and placement officer, who recently returned to the Library, spent the past academic year at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

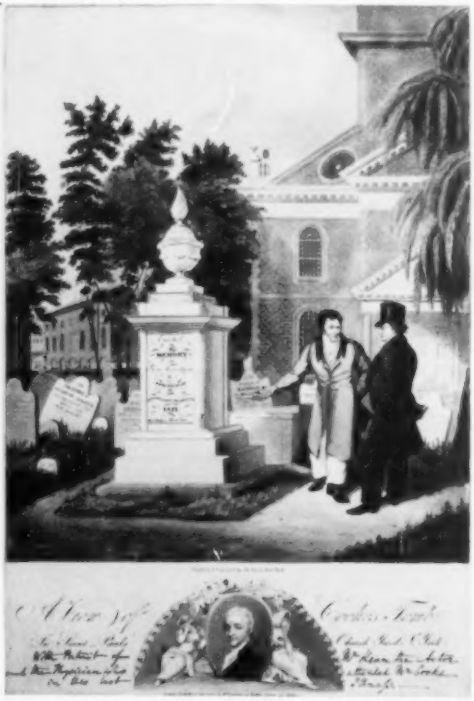
The Education for Public Management Program is designed to provide specialized academic training for staff members who have been identified by their agencies as having high potential for assuming increasing responsibilities in management in the agency. It is conducted at nine participating universities.

Mr. Mason

Mr. Mason came to the Library of Congress in 1961 as a library aid while attending Howard University. After graduation, he continued his career in the Stack and Reader Division, progressing from deck attendant to library technician (special searcher) and librarian (senior collections specialist). In 1971 Mr. Mason became a personnel staffing specialist in the Placement Office, where he has advanced to his present position.

GUATEMALAN LIBRARIAN VISITS LC ON FACT-FINDING TOUR

Rosario Domínguez A., sub-directora de bibliotecas of the Banco do Guatemala, visited the Library of Congress on July 13 as part of an AID-sponsored fact-finding trip related to the establishment of the Centro Nacional de Referencias de Información (CENARI). CENARI's goal is to serve as a national documentation center and coordinating agency to bring together all available information for research and development in Guatemala. Where there are existing centers for specialized areas such as industry, science, technology, nutrition, and economic planning, CENARI will serve primarily as a referral center. In other areas



Pictured above is one of two historical prints recently acquired by the Library that Bernard Reilly, curator of historical prints, will discuss in an illustrated talk in the Wilson Room on Thursday, August 10, at 2 p.m. (see last week's Information Bulletin, *pp. 433-434). "A View from Cooke's Tomb" (above) and "The Actor's Monument" are early 19th-century prints by John Rubens Smith which are variant issues of an original plate. Mr. Reilly will analyze the evolution of the plate and image as a memorial, first, for the American actor George Frederick Cooke and then for the English actor Edmond Kean. The two prints were acquired through purchase from the Milton Kaplan Fund, the first use of the fund.*

assigned a high priority in the national development plan, among them education, medicine, agro-industry and native arts, CENARI will assume direct responsibility for building the data files and disseminating the information. In its formative stages CENARI is receiving some funding from the Organization of American States. Eventually it will be supported by the Banco de Guatemala, which now maintains a network of 37 public and special libraries throughout the country.

During her visit, Sra. Domínguez provided the Hispanic Acquisitions Project with useful information on the state of publishing and bibliography in Guatemala. She also proposed an expansion of the already active exchange arrangements between the Library of Congress and the Banco's library system, which often gets extra copies of new national publications that it can use for exchange purposes.

Sra. Domínguez was the first woman to graduate from the national library school of Guatemala. She is compiler of *Leyes bancarias y financieras de Guatemala,* of which the Banco will shortly publish the seventh edition, and has undertaken to provide the headings on Guatemalan history and culture for the forthcoming revision of the standard Spanish-language subject-heading list, *Lista de encabezamientos de materia para bibliotecas.*

NEWS BRIEFLY NOTED

LOAN DIVISION OPENS BOOKDROP

In another effort to be more responsive to the needs of the Library staff and outside patrons, the Loan Division has acquired a bookdrop. It is located in front of Room G-159 and is unlocked for the return of Library materials at 4 o'clock each afternoon and all day on weekends, when the Loan Division is closed. The division staff hopes that this will greatly facilitate the return of materials.

THOMASON TRACTS MICROFILMS ACQUIRED

The *Thomason Tracts,* focusing on the varied controversies and political developments of mid-17th century England, are being filmed by University Microfilms International. The original material, consisting of over 22,000 items, was collected by George Thomason and is in the British Library. Accompanying the microfilm is a reprint of *Catalog of the Pamphlets, Books, Newspapers, and Manuscripts Relating to the Civil War, the Commonwealth, and Restoration, 1640-1661,* compiled by G. K. Fortescue and published by the British Museum in 1908. Also included is an index by tract number and a cross index to Donald Wing's *Short Title Catalog.* The project, in eight parts, is scheduled to be completed in 1980. The first two parts are now available in the Microform Reading Room as will be the subsequent installments when received.

LC PUBLICATION ON FENDERICH REISSUED IN BOOK/FICHE FORMAT

The University of Chicago Press has recently published *Charles Fenderich: Lithographer of American Statesmen,* originally issued in 1959 by the Library of Congress. The new edition was edited by Lillian B. Miller, National Portrait Gallery, who also provided a foreword. The text includes an introduction by Alice Lee Parker and captions identifying Fenderich's work by Milton Kaplan, both of whom are former staff members in the Library's Prints and Photographs Division.

In lieu of illustrations, the new publication—described as a Chicago Visual Library Text-Fiche—is accompanied by three microfiches that reproduce all of the works of art described in the booklet. The 229 lithographs, watercolors, and drawings reproduced are all in the collections of the Library of Congress and represent work by Fenderich done between 1822 and 1849.

The Swiss-born Fenderich is best known for his lithographic portraits of American statesmen engraved in the 1830s and 1840s while the artist lived in Washington, D.C. The publication includes not only the portraits done in Washington but also works from Fenderich's earlier years in Zurich, Paris, and Philadelphia, ranging from portraits of King Louis Philippe of France to a series of lithographs from Gottfried Mind's *Collection of Cats.*

The 68-page, paperbound booklet, with three black-and-white fiches, is available for $25 from the University of Chicago Press, 11030 S. Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60628 (ISBN 0-226-69243-4).

NEW REFERENCE WORKS IN HISPANIC STUDIES NOTED

The third volume of *Índice informativo de la novela hispanoamericana* entitled *Venezuela* (Rio Piedras, Editorial Universitaria, Universidad de Puerto Rico, 1965- Z1609.F4C65) has just appeared. Edna Coll, a noted Puerto Rican literary critic whose work is known throughout Spanish America and the United States, is the author of this unique reference tool for librarians and scholars concerned with the Latin American novel. The multi-volume *Indice* is a most welcome reference work in the field of Hispanic American literature. Vol. 1 of *Indice informativo: Las Antillas,* was published in 1974, and Vol. 2, entitled *Centroamerica,* appeared in 1977. All three volumes include succinct biographies of each novelist, a critical evaluation of his or her works, and a complete bibliography of books by and about the writer. They can be obtained for $7.50 each from Editorial Universitaria. Vol. 4 of *Indice informativo,* now in press, bears the title *Colombia,* and the volume on Ecuador and Bolivia is now in preparation. The three volumes published to date are available in the Library's general collections.

The search for reviews of books on Latin America is further facilitated by the work of Antonio Matos, director of libraries of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico in Ponce, who began in 1964 to compile his *Guía a las reseñas de libros de y sobre Hispanoamérica; A Guide to the Reviews of Books from and about Hispanic America* for the years 1960-64. (Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Ediciones Puerto, 1965. Z1035.A1G84). The first volume contained an author and title list with citations of reviews of Latin American books; the entries were not annotated. In 1972, a volume covering 1965 reviews appeared. Blaine Etheridge Books (Detroit, Mich.) then began publishing the volumes starting with 1972. The latest received is the volume for 1974, published in 1977. All the recent volumes contain annotated entries. This reference work is available in the Hispanic Society Reading Room's reference collection.

Latin American Literature in English Translation: An Annotated Bibliography (New York, New York University Press, 1976. A Center for Inter-American Relations Book. Z1609.T7S47), compiled by Bradley A. Shaw presents an important annotated bibliography of Latin American prose, poetry, and drama in English translation up to January 1975. The book is divided into Spanish American and Brazilian literature, with a useful section on the non-Hispanic literature of the circum-Caribbean and Caribbean area, as well as an appendix highlighting the often forgotten literature in Indian languages and early chronicles of the New World which have been rendered into English. This work is also available in the Hispanic Division. [*Georgette M. Dorn*]

MELA MEMBERS MEET WITH LC STAFF

Members of the Middle East Librarians Association (MELA) met Library employees whose work concerns the Middle East on July 6-7 in the Whittall Pavilion. Photographs on p. 453 were taken at a luncheon on the first day at which Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin greeted the participants. The meet-

The Librarian, Susan Sayre, and Fawzi Khoury

Eric Ormsby, Edward A. Jajko, and J. Dennis Hyde

ings included sessions on acquisitions, cataloging, and classification of Middle East materials and automated processing. Optional tours concluded the two-day program.

MELA members present were Brenda Bickett, Georgetown University; John Eilts, University of Michigan; E. Christian Filstrup, New York Public Library; J. Dennis Hyde, University of Pennsylvania; and Edward A. Jajko, Yale University, who is vice president of MELA. Others attending were Fawzi Khoury, University of Washington, who is MELA president and was program manager; Francine McNulty, Harvard College; and Eric Ormsby, Princeton University.

Library staff who participated included Frank M. McGowan, director for acquisitions and overseas operations, Processing Services, and acting director for area studies, Research Services; Robert Sullivan, chief, Order Division; Nathan Einhorn, chief, Exchange and Gift Division (E&G); Susan Sayre, head of the African and Asian Section, E&G; Rodney Sarle, chief of the Overseas Operations Division, who was the Library's liaison to MELA for this program, and John C. Crawford, assistant chief of that division. Lucia J. Rather, director for cataloging, Processing Services, was present, and from her area, Mary K. Pietris, chief, Subject Cataloging Division; subject cataloger David Littlefield; Ben Tucker, principal cataloger, Descriptive Cataloging Division; and, from the same division, Laurie Smith, head, Miscellaneous Languages Section. CONSER operations coordinator Dorothy Glasby represented the Serial Record Division.

Zuhair Jwaideh, chief, Near East and African Law Division; John Finzi, assistant director for the development of the collections, Research Services; James

Francine McNulty, Rodney Sarle, and George Atiyeh

Agenbroad, Bibliographic Systems Office; Robert Davis, administrative assistant to Mr. McGowan; and Julian Witherell, recently named chief of the new African and Middle East Division, also participated. From the Orientalia Division came Warren Tsuneishi, chief; George Atiyeh, head, Near East Section; Lawrence Marwick, head, Hebraic Section; Dorothy Stehle, Arabic NUC Project; and Abraham Bodurgil, Ibrahim Pourhadi, and George Selim, all area specialists in the Near East Section.

MELA members will report on their visit to the Library of Congress at the association's seventh annual meeting, to be held this year on Wednesday, November 8, in Ann Arbor, Mich., in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America. Michael Albin, field director of the Library of Congress Office in Cairo, will also report informally on his office's activities. Further information on the MELA meeting is avail-

able from Janet Heinect, Secretary-Treasurer of MELA, Room 560, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Ill. 60637.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF A FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Armond Wendell Scott Jr., who retired from the Library of Congress in 1967 after more than 30 years of Federal service, died Sunday, July 23, at Washington Hospital Center. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Scott was a native of Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Dunbar High School. He had earned a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1930 and a bachelor of laws degree from Howard University Law School in 1937. He entered Federal service in 1937 with the Federal Housing Administration.

He came to the Library of Congress in 1940 in the former Reading Rooms Division and transferred to the Law Library in 1943. In 1945 he was promoted to an assistant at the reference desk, and in 1947 he became a reference librarian. He subsequently worked until his retirement in the Anglo-American Reading Room of the American British Law Division. During most of his career, he provided legal reference service in American law.

Mr. Scott is survived by his wife, Dorothea F., of the home in Washington; three sons, Armond W. III, Fletcher J., and Lorenzo T., all of Washington, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday morning, July 28, at Jarvis Chapel, with interment following in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

AWARDS

During July, 24 Library of Congress staff members completed 10 years of service and received **Federal Service Award** pins:

Victor I. Andreeff	MARC Editorial Division
Vivian D. Armstrong	Prints and Photographs Division
Lillian G. Booze	Subject Cataloging Division
Theodore L. Brewster	Federal Research Division
Anna L. Campos	Shared Cataloging Division
Marsha K. Cerny	Library Services Division
Gary G. Chandler	Stack and Reader Division
C. F. W. Coker	Manuscript Division
Stephen B. Dresner	Science and Technology Division
Josephine H. Drew	Examining Division
Jane M. Fritsvold	Science and Technology Division
Boris N. Hayduchok	NUC Publication Project
Nancy B. Jones	Subject Cataloging Division
Minnie P. Kline	Shared Cataloging Division
Willie L. Melson	Cataloging Distribution Service
Josephus Nelson	Congressional Reference Division
Cecelia A. Paul	CRS Office of Support Services
Francisco Ramos	Shared Cataloging Division
Anna K. Schultz	Shared Cataloging Division
Catherine S. Shih	Descriptive Cataloging Division
Frances V. Thackston	Catalog Publication Division
Charles H. Whittier	Government Division
Mary M. Wolfskill	Manuscript Division
Betty I. York	Catalog Management Division

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Millicent Johnson, editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS Gov, 5681; David Yeago, projects assistant, GT-5, Photodup, 5709.

Temporary Appointments: Angela Beale, library aid, GS-1, MARC Ed, NP; Larry Fersner, production assistant-arranger, GT-3, Cat Publ, OP 6-500; Mark Kapeluck, clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 5640; Ellen Lamagna, editorial assistant, GS-5, Ser Rec, 5624; Sherry Linderman, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Cat, NP; Bonnie McPhatter, deck attendant, GS-2, S&R, OP RS-113; Caroline Mayer, library aid, GS-3, Ord, NP; Nancy Roe, library technician, GS-5, G&M, NP. Gay Shorter, library aid, GS-1, Ord, NP; Brian Smith, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS SPR, NP; Eddie Sturgill, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP; Michael Turner, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP.

Promotion: LaVonne Grabiak, Cop Lic, to editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS A, 5716.

Temporary Promotion: Lawrence Evans, S&R, to clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 5640.

Transfer: Peter Vankevich, E&G, to mail technician, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, OP 10/200.

Resignations: Theresa Ames, CRS E; Phyllis Baytop, CRS A; Carol Gurvitz, CRS E; Victoria Lyons, CRS E; Wilbur Moore, Bldgs; Joanne Pruitt, Cop Reg; John R. Schaibly, III, CRS S; Laura Siple, CRS E.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The *UNESCO Bulletin for Libraries* for March-April contains an article by **Henriette D. Avram**, director,

Stephanie Thompson of Carroll, Maine, chosen to serve in the counterpart office of Librarian of Congress during the Girls Nation annual youth training course held in Washington, D.C., the week of July 8, visited the Library of Congress on July 14, where she was welcomed by Associate Librarian for National Programs Carol A. Nemeyer (above left) on behalf of The Librarian. Miss Thompson, who attends Mahanawcook Academy, discussed her career plans with Mrs. Nemeyer, including the possibility of studying library science, and presented her a certificate of greetings from Girls Nation. Educational Liaison Officer Dorothy Pollet gave Miss Thompson a tour of the Library of Congress.

Network Development Office, Library of Congress. The article describes the activities of the Network Development Office and other projects in which the staff of the office participates.

Ranjan Borra of the Southern Asia Section, Orientalia Division, was producer/director of "Varshamangal," a musical program based on Indian Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's songs of the rainy season, staged at Gandhi Memorial Center in Washington, D.C., on July 15. A group of Indian musicians belonging to the organization "Suraswapna" participated in the presentation.

John Y. Cole, executive director, The Center for the Book, is the author of "Herbert Putnam and the National Library" in *Milestones to the Present: Papers from Library History Seminar V* (Syracuse: Gaylord Professional Publications, 1978). The essay is an assessment of Herbert Putnam's long career as Librarian of Congress (1899-1939).

The Winter Night Quintet, directed by **Rembert Herbert** of the Music Division, presented a 45-minute program on radio station WGMS on Friday evening, July 7. The group performed ensemble and solo works by Gesualdo, Monteverdi, Bellini, Stephen Foster, and others. The Winter Night Quintet was organized in 1977 and consists of five Washington-area soloists: Martha Steiger and Wendy Glaubitz, sopranos; Debra Elmer Lowry, mezzo-soprano; Charles Kopfstein-Penk, baritone; and Mr. Herbert, tenor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **WRA Choral Society** has resumed rehearsals for a contemporary Gospel concert to be given on Monday, September 25, in the Coolidge Auditorium, at 11:45 a.m., with John Watson as composer and director. All interested vocalists and instrumentalists are requested to attend rehearsals, Mondays and Thursdays, at noon in the Capitol Page School, Room 309A, Library of Congress Building.

The contracts between **AFSCME Locals 2477 and 2910** and the Library will take effect August 21, with the single exception of the Article XVIII, Merit Employment on Promotion, which will be implemented on December 11. Provisions of the contract cover personnel policies, practices, procedures, and working conditions for all members of the AFSCME bargaining units, regardless of whether the employee is a dues paying union member. The agreements between the Guild/Union and the Library allow each member of the AFSCME bargaining units to use up to two hours of official time to attend and participate in contract discussions presented by the respective locals. The **Professional Guild, AFSCME Local 2910,** which represents all professional staff members with the exception of those in the Congressional Research Service and the Law Library and supervisory and confidential employees, will hold contract discussion sessions for affected employees in the Coolidge Auditorium according to the following schedule:

Dates	*Time*	*Employee's Last Name*
August 10	1:30-3:30 p.m.	A - F
August 11	1:30-3:30 p.m.	G - L
August 14	1:30-3:30 p.m.	M - S
August 15	1:30-3:30 p.m.	T - Z

Any staff member with a scheduling conflict may attend a different session after notifying his or her supervisor.

Special shuttle buses will be provided for employees of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This special shuttle will leave Taylor St. at 1 p.m. and return at 4 p.m. on each of the above listed dates. An interpreter for the deaf will be provided at the August 14 session.

Special arrangements have been made to accommodate Copyright Office employees. Meetings for AFSCME 2910 bargaining unit members will be held at the Crystal City facility in the ninth floor conference room on the following dates:

Dates	*Time*	*Employee's Last Name*
August 16	1-3 p.m.	A - H
August 17	1-3 p.m.	I - P
August 18	1-3 p.m.	Q - Z

Correction: The election of Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin to the Board of Directors of National Public Radio, reported in the Staff Activities section of the July 7 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin* (p. 397), was in error. Dr. Boorstin reluctantly declined the position because of demands on his time as Librarian and other major commitments.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Brazil. ISSN 0146-1060. Vol. 4, No. 3. March 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, APO New York 09676.

Accessions List: Eastern Africa. ISSN 0090-371X. Volume 11, No. 3. May 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

Accessions List: Southeast Asia. ISSN 0096-2341. Vol. 4, No. 3. March 1978. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

Braille Book Review. ISSN 0006-873A. Vol. 47, No. 4. July-August 1978. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Cataloging Service. Bulletin 125. ISSN 0041-7890. Spring 1978. (27 p.) This issue contains some recently issued descriptive cataloging rule interpretations; revisions of personal and corporate name headings; information on applying ISBD to map cataloging; a statement on the Arabic romanization table; corrections to place name abbreviations used as qualifiers to corporate headings in AACR; explanation of added entry tracings for key titles; a list of MARC equivalences for certain letters used in African languages; a statement on the abandonment of multiple physical descriptions; an erratum statement on which records include MARC legends; an explanation of subject entry information which appears on information references; MARC serials instructions for subject catalogers; guidelines for using "As" headings; and part 4 of the Cyrillic romanization table for nonslavic languages. Free upon request from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Biographical Sources in the Sciences. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 77-14). February 1978. (25 p.) Compiled by Janet Terner, this reference aid "offers a systematic approach to the wide variety of published biographical information on men and women of science. Both historical and contemporary scientists are covered, with emphasis on American scientists." Copies may be obtained free on request from the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Dryland Agriculture. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 78-4). May 1978. (10 p.) Compiled by T. R. Liao, this reference aid provides a systematic approach and guide to the literature on dryland agriculture, including techniques for farming without irrigation, such as the use of drought-resistant or drought-evasive crops. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division. They have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. Vol. 69,

No. 6. June 1978. (pp. 465-613) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $1.50 for single monthly issues, except June and December for $2.45, or $21.90 per year, domestic, and $27.40, foreign; the index sells for $2.10 (LC 20.9:69/6).

The Musical Mainstream. ISSN 0364-7501. Vol. 2, No. 4. July-August 1978. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The Library has issued *A Nationwide Location Data Base and Service.* 1978. (66 p.) Network Planning Paper No. 1 (ISSN 0160-9742). The report was prepared by Butler Associates of Los Altos, Calif., under contract to the Library's Network Development Office with funds provided by the Council on Library Resources. It summarizes the activities at the Library of Congress related to compiling location information (for monographic materials) through the *National Union Catalog* and the *Register of Additional Locations,* discusses the activities in the library community, particularly with regard to machine-readable location information, and presents a set of recommendations that would build an integrated and comprehensive nationwide location data base and service. The publication is the first in a series entitled Network Planning Paper that will be issued by the Network Development Office. The series will contain reports, planning documents, and other publications dealing with initial considerations and plans for a nationwide library bibliographic network. *A Nationwide Location Data Base and Service* is available on request from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service.

Talking Book Topics. ISSN 0039-9183. Vol. 44, No. 4. July-August 1978. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

A Study of the Restructured Italian Intelligence and Security Services by Vittorfranco S. Pisano. 1978. This report prepared by a legal specialist in the Law Library in response to a congressional request is now available for wider distribution. Copies may be obtained from the Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

LAW READING ROOM TO OBSERVE SPECIAL HOURS ON AUGUST 12

The Anglo-American Law Reading Room (LCB 244) will be closed from approximately 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, in order to provide space for an orientation and tour of the Law Library and its collections for a large group of British lawyers who will be visiting Washington, D.C. Readers will be able to use the mezzanine area of the reading room and the Law Library gallery above the Main Reading Room. Signs will be posted to direct readers to those areas during the period of closing.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eighty-three Federal grants totaling $2,392,083 have been awarded to educational institutions, historical societies, and related organizations by the **National Historical Publications and Records Commission.** The awards support projects for the preservation, publication, and use of American historical materials. A grant of $18,200 went to the New Harmony (Ind.) Workingmen's Institute to preserve, arrange, and describe records relating to the New Harmony Society. The largest grant, $155,344, went to the New York State Historical Records Advisory Board, Albany, to support the board's consultation and financial assistance to 10 or more municipal governments in developing local government archives programs. The National Historical Publications and Records Commission, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is an adjunct organization of the National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration.

Edith M. Lesser, secretary and treasurer of the Council on Library Resources (CLR), retired on June 30. Mrs. Lesser joined CLR in 1967 as staff assistant to Fred C. Cole, the council's former president, and continued in that capacity after her election as secretary by the CLR Board of Directors. Mrs. Lesser was instrumental in establishing many council programs, in particular those that seek to improve the skills of midcareer librarians. She coordinated the selection of participants in the CLR Fellowship and Academic Library Management Intern Programs. During the past year, she worked closely with the National Library of Medicine as project manager of the CLR/NLM Health Sciences Library Management Intern Program.

Mary McKenzie, executive director of the New England Library Board (NELB) since 1974, has announced her intention to retire at the end of this year to join her husband on a sabbatical in Europe in 1979. Mrs. McKenzie is a former staff member of the

Library of Congress. Formal recruitment for a successor is beginning the latter part of this month. Suggestions or inquiries should be addressed to the NELB office, 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Conn. 06115, or NELB Chairman J. Gary Nichols, Maine State Library, Augusta, Me. 04333.

Kenneth Starr, director of the Milwaukee Public Museum, has been elected president of the American Association of Museums, the 6,000-member nonprofit organization, located in Washington, D.C., that represents the interests of museums and museum professionals on a national level. His election was announced during the association's recent 73rd annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Starr, who has been director of the Milwaukee museum for eight years, was curator of Asiatic archeology and ethnology at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago from 1953 to 1970. He holds a doctorate in anthropology from Yale University.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The R. R. Bowker Co. has issued the 1978 edition of *The Bowker Annual of Library & Book Trade Information*, edited and compiled by Nada Beth Glick and Filomena Simora. The 23rd, 601-page edition is divided into six parts covering libraries and the book trade in 1977; legislation, funding, and grants; statistics; library education, manpower, and salaries; international library and book trade news; and reference and directory information. It is available from R. R. Bowker, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036 for $24.95 (ISBN 0-8352-1053-7).

The Consumer Information Center, General Services Administration, continues to issue the quarterly *Consumer Information Catalog*, which lists more than 200 selected free or low-cost publications developed by over 24 Federal agencies. Last year, more than 20 million copies of the *Catalog* were distributed to consumers through Congressional offices, visitors to Federal offices, consumer groups, educators, and individual requests. For a free copy, interested persons should write to Consumer Catalog, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

Women Library Workers (WLW) have issued the third (1978) edition of *SHARE: A Directory of Feminist Library Workers*, a geographically arranged listing of 96 WLW members and 51 other women, their skills and interests, and the publications and organizations with which they are involved. SHARE is available for $3 (prepaid) or $3.50 (invoiced) from SHARE/WLW, P.O. Box 9052, Berkeley, Calif. 94709.

COMING EVENTS

Papers are now being solicited for an **International Conference on the History and Collections in Natural History** to be held in London next April 4-6. Sponsored by the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History, the Biology Curators Group, and Geological Curators Group, the conference will consist of four sessions of papers on the history of museums; zoos and botanical gardens, lives and activities of specimen collectors; studies of natural history libraries and collections; and the growth of museums and studies on the collections resulting from expeditions and explorations. Abstracts of proposed papers on these subjects are to be submitted by September 1 to Mrs. J. A. Diment, Paleontology Library, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD, England. The North American representative for the society is Nina J. Root, Chief Librarian, American Museum of Natural History, C.P. West at 79th St., New York, N.Y. 10024.

The Senate Historical Office will hold a **Conference on the Research Use and Disposition of Senators' Papers** on September 14-15 in the Caucus Room, Richard B. Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. Historians, archivists, and manuscript specialists will be among the speakers. Participants will draft recommendations to guide senators in the effective disposition of their office files and personal papers. The conference is open to the public. There is no registration fee, but seating is limited. Interested persons should make reservations with the Senate Historical Office, Office of the Secretary, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, tel. (202) 224-6900.

The Victorian Society in America is now soliciting proposals for papers and panels for a March 21-24, 1979, symposium to be held in cooperation with the National Archives and Records Service in Washington, D.C., and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. "Victorian Album: Aspects of Life in America 1865-1900" will focus on the social and domestic aspects of American Victorian life on four themes: "Life, Death and the Family," "Arts and Culture," "Work and Workers," and "Ruffians and Reformers." October 1 is the deadline for proposals, which should be directed to Victorian Symposium, Education Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

APPENDIX

CONTINUING REPORTS ON THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Chicago, Ill., June 24-30, 1978

RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION SECTION

The first session of the CCS Descriptive Cataloging Committee's meetings at the ALA Annual Conference was held Monday June 26. Ben Tucker, principal descriptive cataloger, Processing Services, Library of Congress, made a report on the Library's plans for authority file development, particularly in relation to the changes that are projected for 1980. He pointed out that the Library's automated name authority file was started in April 1977, and that by this past spring the descriptive cataloging operation had phased into the automated system all records for new headings being created. The present data base contains an accumulation of approximately 50,000 headings. This leaves approximately 1,000,000 authority records (i.e., headings used in the MARC data base) for "retrospective" conversion. These records exist only in the form of three-by-five cards filed in the Library's Official Catalog. The Library hopes to take the next step in the development of the automated name authority file later this year, when it begins to input at least some of these retrospective authority records to machine-readable form. The Library is also considering that for all the headings added to the automated name authority data base, whether these be new or retrospective, the ideal would be to input as information the AACR 2 form of heading whenever this differed from the form actually used under the present AACR or under earlier codes according to the policy of superimposition. (There would be no use of AACR 2 headings on bibliographic records before 1980.)

After answering questions about the Library's plans for authority file development, Mr. Tucker discussed AACR 2, calling attention particularly to the significant differences between AACR 1 and AACR 2 in the areas of bibliographic description, choice of main entry, and form of personal names, geographic names, corporate names, and uniform titles when used as headings. He concluded his presentation by reporting on the Library's most recent study to determine the number of existing headings and related bibliographic records that would need to be changed to make them conform to AACR 2. [*Ben R. Tucker*]

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGING OF ASIAN AND AFRICAN MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE

This subcommittee of the Cataloging and Classification Section Descriptive Cataloging Committee met Tuesday morning, June 27, to discuss its final reports. The main recommendation from the ad hoc subcommittee was that a single standing committee should be established within the section to study both descriptive and subject cataloging of Asian and African materials.

Michael Fitzgerald, who chairs the Descriptive Cataloging Committee, attended the meeting and indicated that the reports would be taken to the Cataloging and Classification Section Executive Committee meeting that afternoon. Also to be discussed at that Executive Committee meeting was a resolution from the Archives-Libraries Committee of the African Studies Association, "Resolution on a Permanent Africanist-Asianist Cataloging Presence in A.L.A."

The subcommittee noted the recommendation from the Asian and African Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries that the two ad hoc subcommittees concerned with the descriptive cataloging and the subject cataloging of Asian and African materials be ". . . perhaps combined but certainly retained as a permanent body . . ." within the division. [*Judy Kuhagen*]

REPRODUCTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS SECTION

"Fair Use, Photocopying, and Management of Collections" was the theme of the meeting presented by this section and cosponsored by the Reference and Adult Services Division Interlibrary Loan Committee and ALA Legislative Committee. The meeting, cochaired by Norman J. Shaffer of the Library of Congress Preservation Office, and Nancy H. Marshall and Ronald P. Naylor, who cochaired the RSAD Interlibrary Loan Committee, was held on Sunday morning, June 25. Mr. Shaffer began by briefly stating that

the general topic of the meeting would include the new copyright law with its effect on resource sharing and photocopying. He then introduced Donald W. King, president of King Research, Inc., as the first speaker.

Mr. King discussed a survey his company conducted entitled *Library Photocopying in the United States*. The survey of photocopying and lending of copyrighted scientific and technical journals was done last year. The largest category of copyrighted materials photocopied and lent by surveyed libraries was serials. The survey included interlibrary loans as well as intrasystem loans (between public or academic libraries and their branches). Public libraries accounted for the most interlibrary loans, then academic (which copied foreign and domestic works almost equally), then special, and last Federal libraries. This system of photocopying and library loans shifts costs of serials subscriptions from one library to the next through record keeping and royalty payments suggested by CONTU guidelines.

Many small journals (those with under 3,000 subscribers) are economically vulnerable because increases of photocopying and even royalty payments for copies made and lent cannot equal costs of production of these journals. Mr. King suggested some solutions to problems implied by the survey to ease the deepening antagonism developing between publishers and librarians: (1) serials exchange networks instead of copying–journals themselves would be exchanged to share resources; (2) microforms which decrease costs of storage; and (3) possible use of computerized transmission of journals in the future.

Herbert S. White of the Research Center for Library and Information Science of the Graduate Library School, Indiana University, was the next speaker. Mr. White's topic was "A Survey of Publisher Practices and Present Attitudes on Authorized Journal Article Copying and Licensing." Of the scholarly scientific journals surveyed, many are society publications, published mostly not-for-profit, and are not subject to royalties under CONTU guidelines because of the low number of copies made and because as many as 28.7 percent are not registered. Reprints which bring some profit to publishers are underutilized since private reprint agencies are faster and may charge the same. The larger publishers do not want to sign away rights to copy and would rather not grant direct licenses. The Copyright Clearance Center which grants permission and distributes royalty payments has signed up many large publishers but few small, not-for-profit or scholarly publishers or academic libraries. Mr. White stressed that many of these small publishers and professional societies are not business people, but rather scholars, interested in spreading information. With their use-oriented point of view, they make small issue of journals being copied.

Allen Kent of the University of Pittsburgh, the next speaker, discussed the survey of library use conducted at the university and its implications for future library cooperative resource sharing. In order to better serve scholars, he suggested libraries should look more into networking and sharing low-use items. This Administrative Contingency Plan for cooperative sharing is an issue to be debated by library managers and university administrators. Mr. Kent's findings will be published soon by the National Technical Information Service.

Nancy H. Marshall introduced the last speaker of the session, John C. Stedman, professor of law, University of Wisconsin at Madison. Mr. Stedman discussed guidelines for photocopying and fair use. He explained that the new law is mostly untested and vague in so many areas that only the courts and Congress can resolve all the issues involved. Three guides for photocopying by educators were introduced as well as the pros and cons of each: (1) do not copy copyrighted materials at all, or, at least, gain permission in all cases; (2) make agreements between user groups and copyright owners; and (3) copy, within reasonable limits, and fight it out through litigation when challenged, leaving settlement of issues to courts and Congress.

He suggested that current published guidelines may limit copying more than if they didn't exist. Without them, educators might be able to copy more and would win in litigation too. The third method mentioned might also be the least expensive. He emphasized, however, the "rule of reason" to avoid overcopying since it may have cost less to buy the item in the first place. Abiding by the law where it's clear, saving litigation for important issues, was the best application of Mr. Stedman's guides.

Suggestions were made for more joint efforts by national educational bodies and librarians to help give advice to make up for missing guidelines. Records of what photocopying is done, why, costs and benefits (both monetary and educational), and effect on subscriptions of copyrighted materials could be kept and exchanged. These records could help when any legislation is proposed. Many copyright proprietors are already keeping such records.

Other suggestions for educators include talking

publishers into allowing free or low-cost photocopying for use at non-profit educational institutions, encouraging authors to negotiate with publishers the right to grant licenses, and exploring new techniques for producing their own educational materials.

[*Lynda D. Fox*]

RLMS STANDARDS COMMITTEE

On June 27 the Standards Committee of the Reproduction of Library Materials Section, chaired by Jeffery Heynen, generally agreed that the committee's interest would be served if the Superintendent of Documents offered to provide replacement of technically defective microfiche copies of Federal documents currently being supplied to Selective Depository Libraries. It was reported that the Superintendent of Documents is seeking authorization for such a policy.

After reviewing the need for new standards in the area of microforms, particularly the need for the microfiche envelope standard, the committee approved in principle the preparation of an annual status report on standards to be published in appropriate journals. John Webb accepted the assignment to draft the report.

The chair reviewed his discussion with a representative for the National Micrographic Association about how librarians can influence the development of standardization in the field of micrographics. He reported that all librarians are eligible to join the NMA, and that each member would receive draft standards for comment. Those not able to join NMA are still eligible to serve on an NMA standards committee. Finally, RLMS is free to send to NMA suggestions for development of a specific standard.

Mr. Heynen reported that the NMA had appointed Robert A. Glotfelty as technical director. Mr. Glotfelty will have responsibility for all NMA standards activities and committees, as well as American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and International Organization for Standardization work.

This reporter, as RLMS representative to ANSI PH5, outlined the current status of the PH5 standards as well as the work of ISO Technical Committee 46 Subcommittee 1, which is concerned on the international level with standardization in the field of micrographics. The status of TC46 SC1 is now undergoing an organizational change within ISO. It is anticipated that final approval will be given later this year to the establishment of TC46 SC1 as a full committee within ISO. The Secretariat of the new full committee will remain with France (AFNOR). [*Charles G. LaHood*]

SERIALS SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the first part of its initial meeting on June 25, this committee joined the RTSD Commercial Automated Support of Technical Services in Medium-Sized Research Libraries Discussion Group so that both bodies could share reports on the CONSER Project. Lois Upham of MINITEX, who chairs the Serials Section Executive Committee, Mary Ellen Jacob, OCLC, Inc., and Dorothy Glasby, Library of Congress, spoke of the present status of the project and gave some highlights from the June 13th meeting of CONSER participants held at OCLC, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio. In summary, their remarks indicated that the CONSER Project will continue along its established lines with, however, the management functions formerly handled by the Council on Library Resources being assumed by OCLC, Inc. Input and authentication of records are proceeding and the latest figures available put the CONSER data base at nearly 200,000 records with about one-third of those being records authenticated by the Library of Congress or the National Library of Canada. Linda Bartley, Library of Congress, reported that the special project being undertaken by the National Serials Data Program to supply ISSN for use as the identification number required by the U.S. Postal Service for publications with second-class mailing privileges was proceeding. The special project is taking place within the general outlines of the CONSER Project and three CONSER participants—Harvard and Cornell Universities and MINITEX—are assisting with the work.

When the Executive Committee returned to its own room and meeting, Lois Upham introduced Judith Kharbas, University of Rochester Library, who will head the committee for the next year. She also introduced the winners of the recent elections: Dorothy Pearson, Princeton University Library, who will be vice chair/chair-elect, and Anita Farberg, University of Texas at Austin Library, who will be a member of the Executive Committee.

Brief reports were given on the status of standards prepared by subcommittees of the American National Standards Institute Committee on Standardization in the Field of Library Work, Documentation, and Related Publishing Practices (ANSI Z39). The standards for holdings (SC40), for a claim form (SC42), and for newspapers and periodical publishing statistics (SC44) are all out for voting while work continues on the standard library ID code (SC46).

The second meeting of the Executive Committee was devoted, chiefly, to reports from the section's various committees and discussion groups, particu-

larly in respect to their activities at this conference. The meeting ended with a brief statement from Imry Jarmy, Library of Congress, on progress in the U.S. Newspaper Project. The National Endowment for the Humanities has extended its commitment to the project and a 10- to 15-year program is envisioned. The funding will cover both bibliographic and preservation aspects. A manual, which includes a definition of a newspaper as well as bibliographic guidelines and machine applications, has been completed under contract and is now being reviewed at the Library of Congress. In the near future it is planned to have workshops, using the physical facilities of the Library of Congress, to train participants in the project in both bibliographic and preservation requirements.

[*Dorothy J. Glasby*]

REGIONAL SERIALS WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE

The Serials Section Regional Serials Workshops Committee met Monday morning, June 26.

The committee is compiling a directory of resource people for serials workshops. Letters have been sent from the committee asking for nominations: name, institution, area of expertise, and so forth. Anyone wishing to nominate someone should write to Lynn S. Smith, Head, Serials Department, University of California, P.O. Box 5900, Riverside, Calif. 92507.

Those in attendance were reminded of the publication *A Manual for Serials Workshops,* edited by Hans H. Weber and available prepaid ($3) from the Resources and Technical Services Division.

The main topic of discussion was how the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* and specifically its applications for serials would be introduced to serials librarians. Judith Cannan, chair of the Serials Section's Committee to Study Serials Cataloging and Library of Congress liaison to the workshop committee with regard to implementation of AACR 2, discussed with committee members the activities of the RTSD AACR 2 Introductory Program Committee, the Library's activities to introduce the code to its own staff, and the possibility of RTSD/LC workshops first at the Library of Congress and later around the country beginning in late 1979. The committee expressed concern that serials had not been included as a special interest group on the AACR 2 Introductory Program Committee.

[*Judy Kuhagen*]

COUNCIL OF REGIONAL GROUPS

The June 27 meeting was chaired by Karen Horny, who introduced Barbara Gates, the incoming chair, and David Remington, the vice chair/chair-elect. Announcements were made concerning RTSD appointments. William Bunnell is the new RTSD executive secretary as of August 1. Because of Pauline Atherton's resignation, William Gosling will serve a two-year term as RTSD president.

Three new affiliations to this group are pending from regional groups in California, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

Karen Horny announced that the program on COM catalogs presented at ALA by the Reference and Adult Services Division Catalog Use Committee and the RTSD Cataloging and Classification Section is available for presentation at regional meetings. Groups interested should contact David F. Kohl, NW 420 Webb, Pullman, Wash. 99163. Vendors will be present at such programs. It is the tentative understanding that a 100-person minimum attendance would be required.

Judy McDermott of the Cataloging in Publication Division, Library of Congress, reported on a proposed in-depth survey of both libraries and publishers, the purpose of which would be to evaluate the CIP Program and provide a forma. means of feedback from both the users of and participants in CIP. Members of the council were asked if libraries could reasonably be expected to answer a lengthy survey concerning the uses and values of CIP, and if regional groups would be interested in sponsoring future programs or workshops concerning CIP. Responses to both of these suggestions were favorable, and CIP will inform this council of future progress on the survey, which, if and when approval is given to conduct it, will take approximately a year to complete. Workshops or programs could be prepared after the results of this evaluation are known. The speaker asked that, in the meantime, all libraries communicate to the Cataloging in Publication Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, any problems or questions raised by the use of CIP.

Barbara Gates then announced some of the ways in which RTSD was hoping to promote its membership, and asked that this council support RTSD membership within the various regional groups represented. Various ways in which RTSD plans to increase its visibility include making available RTSD T-shirts, plastic bags, and membership ribbons. It will also conduct a contest for creation of a new RTSD logo.

After announcements concerning various plans for RTSD activities and programs at the 1979 Annual Conference in Dallas, Tex., the incoming chair reported on the instructional program being prepared

by Doralyn Hickey on the application of AACR 2. The program will include a video presentation and graphics package, both of which may be purchased by interested groups or individuals. If this program is approved by the RTSD Board, regional groups will assist by nominating those persons who will attend the first introductory program, before the ALA Midwinter Meeting. This council will act as clearinghouse for nominations and selection. Those selected will then be expected to train others in their geographical area. A letter soliciting nominations is expected to be sent out by August 1. [*Judy C. McDermott*]

AACR 2 INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

This committee, established by the RTSD Board in January, met in two sessions during the ALA Annual Conference. At the first session on June 24, Doralyn Hickey, chair, and the other members of the committee formulated a report to the RTSD Board. This report was presented to the board on June 27, which approved its recommendations.

According to the plan, an audiovisual package will be produced that consists of two major parts: four videotapes and a series of graphics (in the form of transparencies or slides). The videotapes will cover: (1) the history of AACR 2, an indication of its major provisions, and projected procedures for future rule amplification or revision; (2) the rules for bibliographic description, discussed by means of a dialog format, with particular emphasis on the new approach to description that treats all types of library materials equally; (3) the rules for choice of access points, presented through a staff meeting role-play format to bring out both continuities and changes in selection of main and added entries; and (4) the rules for form of heading, presented in an interview format. The graphics will be designed for small group discussion sessions, using a before-and-after approach to illustrate the results in description, choice of access points, and heading form that are brought about by the adoption of AACR 2. Also according to the plan, an introductory training conference on AACR 2 will be conducted under the auspices of RTSD, in conjunction with the ALA Midwinter Meeting next January.

The conference would be limited to approximately 200 participants selected from nominees submitted by such units as those which comprise the Council of Regional Groups membership, the bibliographic network coordinators, the Association of American Library Schools (and other appropriate non-ALA associations of library and information service personnel), and state library agencies. Nominees would be expected to conform to the following criteria: a background in either the practice of cataloging or the education of cataloging staff; a basic knowledge of AACR 1 and some experience in trying to apply its provision; and a willingness to share the knowledge gained in the conference, by participating in subsequent conferences or workshops scheduled by various groups throughout the country. In selecting the participants a reasonable balance according to type of library and geographic area would be attempted.

The conference would be scheduled for a two- or three-day period and would utilize the audiovisual package of videotapes and graphics. In addition, knowledgeable speakers and discussion leaders would be invited to participate at various stages in the conference. Further, specific attention would be given to preparing the attendees for a future role in serving as resource persons for subsequent conferences and workshops on AACR 2.

At the committee's second session on June 28, its recommendations, now approved, were reviewed and further planning was considered in light of the decision that the next Midwinter Meeting of ALA would not be held in Chicago. It was decided nonetheless that definite plans for almost every aspect of the program could be made. As an important feature of this additional planning, the core of a comprehensive list of organizations that might be interested in the introductory program was formulated. The committee will send a letter to each asking for expressions of interest and providing the basis for interaction as plans develop. The committee also decided to establish subcommittees that will design and prepare the videotapes, design and prepare the graphics, plan the conference format and schedule, handle the local arrangements for the conference, and design and implement a selection policy and procedure to designate conference attendees.

As soon as the site for the Midwinter Meeting is selected, final plans for the introductory training conference will be made and widely publicized.

[*Ben Tucker*]

RS LIBRARY MATERIALS PRICE INDEX COMMITTEE

This committee of the Resources Section met on Monday morning, June 26, with Noreen G. Alldredge of Texas A&M University Libraries presiding. Following introduction of the approximately 20 members,

consultants, and guests, Hugh Adkinson of Northwestern University Library reported that the U.S. Hardcover Book Price Index for 1977 is estimated to reflect a seven percent increase over 1976. The late reporting of data to *Publishers Weekly* by publishers is delaying the completion of the index. A meeting of ARL librarians was held recently to discuss what cost information for library materials is most needed by research libraries and how can such data and trends be best reported and publicized.

Norman Brown of the University of Illinois Library distributed copies of the price indexes that he has compiled for U.S. Periodicals and Serial Services. The periodicals index for 1978 shows a 12.2 percent increase over 1977 ($27.58 average price per title for 1978). The possibility of dividing the mathematics, botany, geology, and general science indexes for U.S. periodicals was discussed, as well as the need for assistance to be given to Norman Brown. It was decided to defer this change until the Midwinter Meeting of ALA pending investigation of whether the R.R. Bowker Co. can adopt such a change. It was agreed to secure help for Mr. Brown. The preference for three-year base periods for indexes was reaffirmed.

Thomas Leonhardt of Boise State University Library is pursuing the possibility of an index for Canadian books. Frank Clasquin of the F. W. Faxon Co. distributed charts comparing average prices for serials and periodicals for 1976, 1977, and 1978 for selected subject classifications at five ARL libraries in the fields of math, botany, and geology. Imre Jarmy of the Library of Congress reported that he expects to complete the 1978 Library Microfilm Rate Index by the end of the calendar year. Sally Williams of Harvard University Library has completed an article on library price indexes which in general validates the work of the LMPI Committee. A motion was unanimously and enthusiastically passed urging that the Resources Section request that this article be published in *LRTS* soon. [*Robert C. Sullivan*]

EDUCATION COMMITTEE/RESOURCES SECTION–ACQUISITION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS DISCUSSION GROUP

This group met on June 28 at 4:30 p.m. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting, which was chaired by Patricia Oyler, Simmons College School of Library Science. The purpose of the meeting was to open communications between educators and librarians on the question, "Are library schools educating acquisitions librarians?" There were four speakers: William Myrick, Administrative Services, Brooklyn College Library; Sara Heitshu, Book Purchasing Division, University of Michigan Library; Judy Serebnick, Graduate Library School, Indiana University; and Nancy Williamson, Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto.

The first two speakers presented the librarian's point of view on the question. They emphasized the need of teaching the business aspects of acquisitions–for example, financing and budgeting–in the school. Sara Heitshu mentioned innovative approaches tried at the University of Michigan, one of them an internship program of six weeks in collaboration with local bookdealers, library school teachers, and acquisitions librarians.

The last two speakers presented the educator's point of view. Judy Serebnick maintained that the most important thing is to teach students how an acquisitions librarian can identify a community's interests and to "relate them to acquisition policy." Nancy Williamson reported that library schools seldom offer acquisition as an independent course. Instead, many components of acquisitions are taught in several courses. Many educators feel that acquisitions could be taught more effectively on the job.

The meeting adjourned with consensus that there is room for improvement in librarian/educator communications. [*Nobuko O. Tsukamoto*]

AUDIOVISUAL COMMITTEE

The RTSD Audiovisual Committee met on Monday morning, June 26. After discussion of the minutes, Shirley Lewis, chair, explained that as a result of her queries about other audiovisual committees in ALA, she had received a letter from Nancy Allen, chair of ACRL Cinema Librarians Discussion Group, describing the group as a forum for the exchange of information of interest to librarians involved in the support of film study. A second letter had been received from David Walch, inviting representatives from all ALA audiovisual committees to meet with the ACRL Audiovisual Committee (Randolph Call agreed to attend on behalf of the RTSD Audiovisual Committee). Mrs. Lewis noted the ACRL Committee was communicating with all audiovisual committees in ALA, and she was, therefore, postponing further queries until the answers of the two committees could be coordinated.

Referring to the role of the committee as a clearinghouse for bibliographic information, the group discussed how the committee could relate to audiovisual cataloging at the Midwinter Meeting preconference and next summer and how the committee shares

information, such as the cataloging rules of the Association for Recorded Sound Collections and William Forshaw's system of control of a historical collection of spoken recordings. It was agreed the committee could identify technical services needs, referring these problems to appropriate committees for study and action, and that representatives from other ALA committees should participate in the meetings of the RTSD committee and vice versa.

The function statement of the committee was discussed, and it was determined that David Niven and Randolph Call would study the statement to determine how the committee should relate to problems of circulation, storage, and security as they apply to audiovisual materials and how the work of this committee should relate to RTSD Reproduction of Library Materials Section (RLMS) and microforms, to the nonprint interests of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), and to circulation problems addressed by the Library Administration Division. It was suggested that a representative from the RTSD Audiovisual Committee should serve as liaison to the RLMS subcommittee concerned with the bibliographic control of microforms.

New audiovisual formats such as holograms and sound pages were mentioned and it was questioned how this committee could sponsor or cosponsor meetings to apprise librarians about these materials and about their use and bibliographic control. It was recommended that the committee consider cosponsoring a meeting with the LITA Audiovisual Section on these topics.

With the anticipated publication and implementation of the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules,* the committee agreed that it would want to address itself to audiovisual cataloging problems. It was suggested, therefore, that the committee request a member of the RTSD Cataloging and Classification Section attend meetings of the committee in order to facilitate this coordination in cataloging interests and concerns. [*Vivian L. Schrader*]

COMMERCIAL PROCESSING SERVICES COMMITTEE

The *Checklist for Commerical Processing Services, ALA* was the subject of a hearing on Wednesday evening, June 28. Mary Fischer Ghikas, director for technical services at Chicago Public Library, provided a background and current status report of commercial technical services available for libraries, emphasizing the emerging catalog management services associated with Computer-Output-Microform (COM) and computer-printed book catalogs.

The *Checklist* was discussed in a point-by-point give-and-take between the members of the committee, representatives of commercial vendors, and members of the audience. The *Checklist,* which systematically covers questions to be answered in considering commercially preprocessed book services as well as the conversion of manual catalogs to computer form and publication in COM or printed book formats, is to be revised as a result of the hearings and published. Copies of the *Checklist* passed out at the hearings are available from the chair as long as the supply lasts: Dallas R. Shawkey, RTSD Commercial Processing Services Committee, Technical Services Center, 109 Montgomery St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225. [*David G. Remington*]

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

VIDEO AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

On Sunday, June 25, the section presented a program in cooperation with the Video Communications Committee of the American Association of School Librarians. Emma Cohn presided at the program which presented "Video Update 1978."

Roberto Esteves of the San Francisco Public Library discussed the services for various forms of media in the library, with emphasis on videotape. He explained that his library maintains a union catalog of video tape for the State of California and he discussed the library's role in the production of video, including the captioning of video tapes for use by the deaf.

Kate Horsfeld and Lyn Blumenthal discussed the video data bank of the Chicago Art Institute. They described their two catalogs which provide access to the materials—a rolodex of materials by subject and an index by format presentation on video tape, such as lectures and interviews. They pointed out the types of art included in their collections, and explained how they solicit comments from students concerning their interests and their use of the tapes in order to determine which tapes should be replaced.

Ollie Bissmyer from the College of Education at the University of Kentucky presented various aspects of the role of the school librarian in the use of video, describing the school librarian as a part of the teaching team. He illustrated in his slide presentation the use of video by groups and on a one-to-one basis, the

role of KET as a large educational open-circuit television network in Kentucky, and the concern of the librarian with regard to problems of copyright and copying and for the inventory and maintenance of equipment.

William McCauley from the Southwest Georgia Regional Library in Bainbridge pointed out that they are producing video which is on an access channel in the area. He explained how they receive feedback from their viewing audiences after their programs are viewed on cable television, how and why they built their production studios apart from the library, how they connect with all schools in Decatur County and link programs into the classroom, and how they work within the schools to encourage students via video to use the library.

Arline Farber-Sirkin explained how the Undergraduate Library at the University of Maryland provides video services to college students. She described a dial access method of providing on video tape supplementary materials to be used in conjunction with the many introductory courses taught on campus. She pointed out that all of the tapes in the library are cataloged with various access points and discussed how new titles are ordered for preview, screened, and evaluated. She also identified various ways in which the library serves as a resource center.

Don Sager, director of the Columbus and Franklin County Public Library, discussed problems associated with the administration of video and cable. He described the difficulties encountered in extending cable into the city area, as evidenced when the library tried to provide cable television for delivering talking books to the blind, since many of the blind live in the city. Other difficulties include financing in order to extend cable television and the question of deregulation and the determining of rates or fees for users. Mr. Sager pointed out that his area has a studio for production and that it is necessary to encourage other agencies in the community to make use of these facilities. He illustrated how video has been used effectively to alleviate problems in a racially changing community, to inform citizens about problems of desegregation in schools, and to enhance the confidence of people in an older community.

[*Vivian L. Schrader*]

VCCS MEMBERSHIP

The membership meeting of the Video and Cable Communications Section was held on Wednesday, June 28, at 10 a.m. Lynne Bradley, chair, asked the members present to introduce themselves and to describe their affiliation with video. It became evident that there were interests crossing every phase of librarianship. Committees reports followed.

The Publications Committee is working to update all sections of the handbook published in 1974, including new profiles of libraries and their work with video as well as updating case histories described in the earlier edition, and to endeavor to make articles in the *Journal of Library Automation* more representative of the interests of the section. The Utilization Committee is also working on the profiles in the handbook and is planning for regional coordinators to relate video activities, with the committee serving as a clearinghouse in the regions.

The Distribution and Exchange Committee is investigating the feasibility of an exchange of video programs between libraries and is preparing a questionnaire for distribution to gather information about the quality of video tapes, equipment, duplication methods, and so on, in each library. This committee is also concerned with the bibliographic control of video recordings, and it, therefore, discussed the descriptive cataloging rules for video which will be published in the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules,* as well as their concern that the Library of Congress consider expanding the scope of its cataloging program to include video recordings.

The Program Planning Committee gave a report on the section program at this Annual Conference entitled "Video Update 1978" as well as the "Video Showcase" held each evening, which will be held again at the 1979 conference. The plans for a preconference to be held next year were presented. The conference will be directed to administrators involved in making decisions regarding video and its use in libraries. It was agreed that in addition to making tapes of the preconference available, an effort would be made to present a program during the convention summarizing the content of the preconference for those unable to attend.

The Legislation and Regulation Committee explained that it is focusing attention on the revised *Communications Act of 1934,* particularly as it affects libraries, for example, the proposal to deregulate cable television, and that there will be a hearing at Midwinter Meeting to discuss the bill. The concern of the section in the interpretation of fair use was discussed, and it was agreed the section would express its concern to the Washington office of ALA.

Kandy Brandt explained how the section along with the other sections of LITA are preparing a state-

ment to be used at the pre-White House Conferences, explaining that the statement will point out existing issues and will tell how to get responses to the issues, including such items as the use of video and cable, and the problems of fair use. [*Vivian L. Schrader*]

LITA/JMRT PROGRAM

"Applications of Library Automation—An Introduction" was the title of a Library and Information Technology Association meeting cosponsored by the Junior Members Round Table. David G. Remington, chief of Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, was the moderator of the session held Monday, June 26, at 10 a.m.

Each of the five main speakers discussed one of the following computer applications—in acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, reference, and video and cable technology.

Kenneth J. Bierman of Tucson (Ariz.) Public Library spoke on automated acquisitions systems which were among the first computer systems in libraries. These systems used for ordering, order control, and fund accounting were batch systems locally developed in the beginning. Currently, many on-line and cooperative networks are available, such as the Washington Library Network and OCLC modules. Many commercial vendors are also joining in developing systems which are compatible with existing cataloging systems and which offer options to individual libraries and networks. Mr. Bierman emphasized that automated acquisitions will develop much more in the future.

Phyllis Richmond of Case Western Reserve University Library spoke on computerized cataloging. She used a slide presentation to illustrate the MARC format, its coding, tags, data, as well as the OCLC data base. Since cataloging on computer systems is becoming common, she explained how future developments should be compatible with other uses of the system within the library and any networks.

Dale Flecker from Yale University Library took the topic of circulation systems. These automated programs are very much like acquisitions systems. In the past, they were batch systems which would issue data daily. Now the on-line systems keep an up-to-the-minute inventory of materials. They can be used with in-house mini computers to show where a book is and where it has been. User surveys (except within the library) can be made easier as can weeding the collection. Currently the "light pen" which reads a bar-code label (pattern recognition) or letters and numbers (OCR: Optical Character Recognition) is the most common method of inputting. Many commercial vendors are marketing these and other systems. Some are complex and expensive, but most are not as sophisticated as might be expected. Mr. Flecker suggested data sharing within compatible systems of cataloging, acquisitions, and circulation departments. As with the others, this will grow in the future.

Anne Lipow from the University of California at Berkeley discussed reference and on-line searching capabilities at academic libraries. She emphasized that because on-line computer searching saves librarians' time, in the future the charging of patrons for this service should decrease or be eliminated.

Much interlibrary borrowing of information on-line from different data bases can also help save time. Subject bibliographies on timely topics can be compiled from different data bases. This can also aid in staff development and training. Even students and faculty members can be taught to do their own on-line searching. She advised that it is time to integrate traditional and modern reference searching methods.

Roberto Esteves of San Francisco Public Library was the last speaker. The main topic of his talk centered on the increasing use of video systems and their use in the future. As the prices of video cameras have decreased, the use of this technology has increased in schools, libraries, and at home. Television viewing is so common that the rise in popularity of home video recorders and video games was inevitable. Through these devices, the public has become familiar with such machines which can help generate more enthusiasm for these types of systems in schools and libraries. The future may even bring the library into the home through video and cable systems. This home-programming is already available in England.

In summary, library automation has become a way of life in many libraries and will continue to proliferate in its applications. [*Lynda D. Fox*]

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Outgoing president Mitch Freedman convened the LITA membership meeting on Tuesday, June 27, with about 50 people present. He was able to describe a healthy organization, with 2,258 personal members (up 400 from last year) and 897 institutional members. LITA is also fiscally sound; it will have a substantial surplus at the end of the fiscal year and is the single most solvent ALA division, he said.

Outgoing board members were thanked and new officers were introduced, including incoming president Susan K. Martin and vice president/president-elect Barbara E. Markuson. Activities of the

association's three sections–Information Science and Automation, Video and Cable Communications, and Audiovisual–were outlined by their chairs. Bill Matthews, new editor of JOLA, the *Journal of Library Automation*, asked the membership to read it, try writing for it, and "let us know what it thinks."

The meeting was adjourned, and conversations flourished and opinions were freely given at the social hour immediately following. [*Suzy Platt*]

NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Network Advisory Committee (NAC) presented a state-of-the-art report at a program on Sunday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, sponsored by the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) of ALA, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), and the Library of Congress. Maurice J. Freedmand, president of LITA, presided, and Roderick G. Swartz, state librarian, Washington State Library, served as moderator.

Alphonse F. Trezza, executive director of NCLIS, in his introduction, gave the background information leading to the formation of the Network Advisory Committee. Mr. Trezza described the central role assigned to the Library of Congress in the NCLIS program document, *Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action*, regarding nationwide bibliographic support. He then discussed the study (The Role of the Library of Congress in the Evolving National Network), now in press, conducted by Lawrence F. Buckland and William L. Basinski, Inforonics, Inc., under contract to the Library's Network Development Office and funded by NCLIS, which recommended the establishment of a committee of network organizations to address the implications of networking on the organizations involved.

Ronald F. Miller, executive director, California Library Authority for Systems and Services (CLASS), summarized the planning paper, *Toward a National Library and Information Service Network: The Library Bibliographic Component.* He reviewed the various sections of the paper, described the composition of the Network Advisory Committee, both participating members and the observers, and noted that although initially the various individuals appeared to be protecting their domains, these self-interests were now submerged in working toward common purposes.

Henriette D. Avram reviewed the accomplishments made by the Network Advisory Committee and its several subcommittees since the June edition of the planning paper. Mrs. Avram discussed the work of the Network Technical Architecture Group and its document describing the general requirements for a message delivery system. This paper, approved by the Network Advisory Committee, is being used for the preparation of a proposal to fund the detailed requirements for the message delivery system. Mrs. Avram also discussed the work of the Network Advisory Committee governance subcommittee and its current activities, the Network Development Office glossary, which will be published for distribution late this summer, and the data base configuration project now under way with Edwin Buchinski, National Library of Canada, spending two-thirds of his time with the Library of Congress on this effort. She noted that a Bibliographic Advisory Committee, chaired by Joseph Howard, Library of Congress, had been selected for this project and had met for the first time during the ALA Annual Conference [see the LC *Information Bulletin* for July 28, p. 442].

Edward E. Shaw, vice president and provost of Stanford University and director of the Stanford BALLOTS System, in addressing key issues, spoke of the role and responsibilities of the Library of Congress. He discussed the Network Advisory Committee's concern for technical, economic, governance, and programmatic issues, describing the technical aspects of networking as being the easiest to deal with but noting the importance to the technical design and delivery of coming to grips with the management and financial issues. Mr. Shaw also described the composition of the NAC Steering Committee and stated the Steering Committee responsibilities, including reviewing subcommittee efforts before submission to NAC, determining issues for NAC review, and setting the agendas for NAC meetings.

Warren J. Haas, president of the Council on Library Resources, told the audience of Council efforts to seek funds from other foundations to work toward the development of a nationwide library network. Mr. Haas reported that the responses from foundations have been encouraging, that over $2 million had been committed to date, and that an interim management committee consisting of representatives from NCLIS, CLR, and the Library of Congress would be formed to set the plan in motion. He noted that groups such as the Network Advisory Committee would be called on to assist in this effort.

Questions from the floor principally dealt with AACR 2 as the issue of major concern to the community at this time. [*Henriette D. Avram*]

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